GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1032
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PENDING CASES IN MRTP
MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending before the MRTP Commission till date ;

(b) whether the MRTP Commission have reviewed the pending cases registered and disposed of during the last three years, metropolitan city-wise and State-wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to strengthen and reorganise MRTP Commission during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) The MRTP Commission is a quasi-judicial body created under the MRTP Act, 1969.The Commission deals with cases relating to Monopolistic Trade Practices/Restrictive Trade Practices/Unfair Trade Practices (MTP/RTP/ UTP) and matters incidental thereto. The following table gives the broad details of the different categories of cases pending before the Commission as on 31.1.2001 :

Enquiries	Pending
RTP	1442
UTP	1329
MTP	09

Compensation Applications 2251

(b) No, Sir. Since these are judicial proceedings, the cases get listed for consideration and disposal in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

(c) The MRTP Commission has reported that since it is a National Body, it does not maintain information with regard to pending cases metropolitan city-wise and State-wise.

(d) The Government had constituted a High Level Committee on Competition Policy and Law to review the MRTP Act, 1969 and to propose a modern Competition Law. The Committee submitted its Report to the Government in May, 2000.

The Committee has, among other things, recommended the enactment of a new Competition Law, the drawing up of a Competition Policy, the repeal of the MRTP Act, 1969 and the winding up of the MRTP Commission.

The Government is yet to take any final view in the matter and it would do so after examining all aspects.